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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Capitol, S-128
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Vice Chair
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The Honorable Diane Feinstein
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior,
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SH-125
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Dear Chairman Inouye, Vice Chair Cochran, Chairman Feinstein, and Ranking Member Alexander:

As the Subcommittee prepares to consider the fiscal year 2010 appropriations bill for Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, I respectfully request your consideration of the following projects important to New Mexico's economic development, public health, and environmental quality. Federal assistance is critical to assisting New Mexico's local and tribal governments and communities meet the needs of the people of our state. Your consideration of these projects, listed in alphabetical order, is very much appreciated.

Acoma Sky City Historic Buildings Emergency Repair and Renovation Program --I respectfully request \$351,000 from the National Park Service Save America's Treasures Account for the repair and renovation of just of the Sky City's central plaza. These structures are the oldest continuously inhabited structures in the United States. Funding would allow Acoma Pueblo to restore the habitability of these destabilized buildings. The tribe is funding the other half of this \$702,550 project through tribal funds and historic preservation grants.

Agriculture Irrigation Infrastructure Repair and Replacement -- I respectfully request \$2 million from BIA for the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) to repair and rehabilitate key components of its irrigation infrastructure that if left unaddressed, will render entire blocks of NAPI farmland unproductive and unusable. The farm irrigation system continues to be constructed pursuant to Public Law 87-483.

Amigos de la Sevilleta, Indian Hill Farms Phase I—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 from Fish and Wildlife Service Refuges and Wildlife account for Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge for the acquisition of the Indian Hill Farms for the expansion of the refuge.

Bernalillo County, NM, Carnuel Water Supply—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would extend County water system to the Carnuel area, and eliminate septic tank systems.

Bernalillo County, NM, Valley Utilities Program Completion—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would provide new water and sewer connections to north and south valley residences and eliminate septic tanks and contamination risk.

City of Alamogordo, NM, Wastewater Treatment Plant—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct new wastewater treatment plant to replace an aging existing facility.

City of Alamogordo, NM, Regional Water Supply Project—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct new water wells and a reverse osmosis desalination treatment plant, a byproduct disposal process, and new water lines to and from the plant to serve the community.

City of Aztec, NM, Wastewater Treatment Plant—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would upgrade and expand a wastewater treatment plant to increase capacity and sanitation functionality.

City of Aztec, NM, Water Storage Tank Expansion—I respectfully request \$1,375,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would expand the water storage system by constructing a new treated water storage tank for new population and emergency fire fighting needs.

City of Belen, NM, Water Storage Tank—I respectfully request \$778,250 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would replace a fifty-year old water storage tank that is in poor conditions and is a risk to nearby infrastructure and property.

City of Bloomfield, NM, Wastewater Plant Expansion—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would expand an at-capacity wastewater treatment plant and eliminate area septic tanks.

City of Carlsbad, NM, Double Eagle Water System—I respectfully request \$1,210,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would upgrade Carlsbad's Double Eagle water system lines and increase storage capacity to improve and supply redundant capacity for a large area, including the Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

City of Carlsbad, NM, Wastewater Reuse Program—I respectfully request \$825,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would upgrade existing treated wastewater reuse delivery system to irrigate city parks and conserve water.

City of Carlsbad, NM, Lake Carlsbad Erosion Project—I respectfully request \$495,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would stabilize the banks of Lake Carlsbad to control erosion problems and protect a critical water resource.

City of Clovis, NM, Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would update aging wastewater treatment plant with ongoing operating problems and expand it to accommodate growth in the area.

City of Espanola, NM, Sewer Line Replacement and Extension—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for projects to replace and extend existing sewer lines in City to facilitate the development of regionally beneficial economic infrastructure and replace current septic systems to reduce contamination risk.

City of Espanola, NM, Drinking Water Treatment and Infrastructure—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would fund treatment for uranium in two City wells which exceed the drinking water regulatory standard, restore another well to increase water production, and replace an existing water storage tank that is corroding.

City of Eunice, NM, Wastewater Treatment Plant—I respectfully request \$1,500,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would replace a 55-year old wastewater treatment plant and serve a new LES uranium enrichment facility in the area.

City of Farmington, NM, Zone 2P Waterline—I respectfully request \$651,750 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct and replace an aging 1950s waterline serving a high density community to eliminate health and safety risks.

City of Hobbs, NM, Emergency Sewer Line Replacement—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for Phase 1 of a project that would repair and rehabilitate 9.6 miles of collapsing concrete sewer mains in primary commercial areas of the city which is causing environmental problems.

City of Jal, NM, Wastewater Treatment Plant—I respectfully request \$400,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would upgrade the wastewater treatment plant and repair cracked holding ponds to ensure compliance with EPA regulations.

City of Las Cruces, NM, West Mesa Water Pipeline—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct 20,000 linear feet of water and sewer pipeline from Waste Mesa Industrial Park to the City water system to support economic development.

City of Lordsburg, NM, Wastewater Reuse Treatment—I respectfully request \$776,300 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would upgrade existing wastewater treatment plant to comply with environmental regulations and construct a wastewater reclamation system to conserve potable water.

City of Lovington, NM, Water Wells—I respectfully request \$800,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would install five new water wells and connect them to the city water system.

City of Moriarty, NM, Water/Sewer Infrastructure—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for projects that would upgrade existing wastewater treatment facility and extend water system to areas north of I-40 and develop a new municipal water well and rehab existing wells to avoid water shortages in event of well failure.

City of Portales, NM Wastewater Plant—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct a new wastewater treatment plant to replace an existing non-compliant and aging wastewater facility.

City of Tatum, NM, Sewer Expansion—I respectfully request \$500,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would extend sewer lines to the northeast section of the city, eliminating septic systems and reducing contamination risk.

City of Truth or Consequences, NM, Wastewater Treatment Plant—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would replace an aging wastewater treatment plant and expand its capacity to meet area needs.

Cultural Preservation Initiative--I respectfully request \$2,000,000 from the BLM Recreation Management account for Spaceport America to develop the historic El Camino Real de Tierra Dentro that stretches 1,500 miles from Mexico City to Santa Fe and the San Juan Pueblo.

Dona Ana County, NM, Chaparral Wastewater System—I respectfully request \$1,833,700 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct new wastewater treatment facility for Chaparral in Dona Ana County for unserved residences.

Dona Ana County, NM, Alto de Las Flores Water Sytem—I respectfully request \$1,100,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct a water transmission line, upgrade wells, and build a water storage tank.

Dona Ana County, NM, Brahman Dam & Outfall Channel—I respectfully request \$1,500,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct a small dam, undertake erosion control, and build an outfall channel for storm water runoff for growing East Mesa area.

Dona Ana County, NM, Arsenic Treatment—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct an arsenic treatment facility to meet the EPA maximum contaminant level standard for drinking water.

Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumer's Assoc. (MDWCA)—I respectfully request \$908,973 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct water and sewer extensions and improvements for the South Fairacres Colonia.

Friends of Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge--I respectfully request \$725,000 through Fish and Wildlife Service Refuges and Wildlife account for the expansion of a media room and establishment of an outdoor classroom to enhance awareness and utilization of the Las Vegas Wildlife Refuge.

Galisteo Basin Archeological Sites Protection--I respectfully request \$2,000,000 to the BLM Management of Land Resources account to continue funding for the goals set out in the Galisteo Basin Archeological Sites Protection Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-208). The requested funds would be used by the BLM to 1) plan development; 2) implement preservation programs such as site stabilization, boundary evaluations, land acquisition, and education; and 3) plan implementation for preservation, protection research inventory. A number of sites are threatened by erosion and human remains are washing out at several sites.

Gila National Forest/Bear Creek--I respectfully request \$2,000,000 from the Forest Service Land Acquisition account for acquisition by the Trust for Public Land of the largest private inholding in the Gila National Forest.

Geo-Hydrologic Water Assessment for San Miguel County--I respectfully request \$110,000 from the USGS Water Resource Investigations account for San Miguel County to conduct a water assessment to be used by planners, citizens, emergency fire response, and emergency disaster response planners.

Green Housing, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge--I respectfully request \$900,000 from Fish and Wildlife Service Refuges and Wildlife account for Construction of "Green" Short-term Housing for Researchers, Students, Firefighter Crews and Volunteers at the Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge.

Hanover Mutual Domestic Water Consumer's Assoc., NM, Water Tank Rehabilitation—I respectfully request \$137,500 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would rehabilitate three water storage tanks that are corroding in order to ensure a reliable potable water supply.

Hollywood Ranch Domestic Water User's Association, NM—I respectfully request \$275,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would complete the main water line of a project to provide the community's first drinking water system.

InterTribal Bison Cooperative—I respectfully request \$4,100,000 under the FY09 BIA Tribal Wildlife and Parks Division for the Inter Tribal Bison Cooperative (ITBC). ITBC is

helping Native American tribes throughout the country restore buffalo and provide necessary assistance so that they can once again offer a healthy source of food to address diet related diseases while simultaneously providing economic opportunities to our tribal members.

Jicarilla Apache Nation Oil and Gas Lease Compliance Initiative—I respectfully request \$500,000 from the Office of the Special Trustee for the establishment of a pilot project on the Nation for the identification of reforms relating to the Department of Interior's trust responsibilities regarding oil and gas leasing on the Jicarilla Nation. I also respectfully request the inclusion of the following report language.

Requested Report Language:

"The Office of Special Trustee in consultation and coordination with the Jicarilla Apache Nation will submit a report one year after enactment on the status and progress of the Oil and Gas Lease Compliance Pilot Project on the Jicarilla Apache Nation."

La Cienega ACEC/Canyon Ranch Phase 1—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 from the Bureau of Land Management Land Acquisition account for acquisition by the Trust for Public Land of the 700 acre Canyon Ranch immediately adjacent to the current boundary of the La Cienega ACEC.

Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat Preservation Area of Critical Environmental Concern—I respectfully request \$1,500,000 from the BLM Land Acquisition fund for the Conservation Fund to allow the BLM to acquire a 1,840-acre private property from a willing seller that is adjacent to the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat Preservation ACEC in Chavez County.

McKinley County, NM, Water & Wastewater Improvements—I respectfully request \$500,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would tie-in various communities within the county to a reliable regional water system.

Navajo Technical College Wellness Center—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 from BIA's Education account for the Navajo Technical College to construct a 33,800 square foot regional health center located on the campus in Crownpoint, New Mexico Wellness Center. The center will provide space for a variety of community and student wellness activities and sports. (only request)

NM Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute: New Mexico Highlands University—I respectfully request an appropriation of \$550,000 from the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Health Management account for the Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute at New Mexico Highlands University to carry out the Institute's federal work plan. The Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act, established the New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute for the purpose of ensuring that the best available science is used in the development, implementation and monitoring of forest restoration treatments designed to restore the ecological and economic health of the West's frequent-fire forest landscapes. Major activities include 1) continuing the long-term monitoring of treated acres; 2) developing publicly accessible databases related to prescriptions and monitoring work; 3)

developing maps of watersheds and areas of highest priority in terms of reducing fire hazards across agency and political boundaries; 4) developing environmental education initiatives related to forest restoration at the K-12 level; 5) initiating continuing education courses in natural resources for professionals; and 6) providing technical assistance.

Petroglyph National Monument Land Acquisition—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 from BLM's Land Acquisition Account for the acquisition of lands designated for acquisition in the authorizing legislation that created the Petroglyph National Monument.

Preservation of Manhattan Project Properties at Los Alamos – I respectfully request \$375,000 from the National Park Service Same America's Treasures account for preservation of two Manhattan Project historic properties.

Pueblo of Acoma, NM, Wastewater Upgrade—I respectfully request \$1,300,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would improve outdated wastewater collection and lagoon system, and increase sewer connections.

Pueblo of Isleta Water Main Replacement—I respectfully request \$1,760,000 through EPA STAG for the Pueblo of Isleta for their Village Proper Water Main Replacement project. The project includes the removal and replacement of 15,500 linear feet of asbestos concrete water mains serving the Village proper of the Pueblo to protect public health of the Pueblo residents.

Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh, NM, Tribal Water Infrastructure—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would develop water transmission and distribution system and sanitation system beyond the current limited capacity, with storage expansion to support new residential and commercial areas.

Pueblo of Pojoaque, NM, Wastewater Facilities—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 for upgrades and improvements to existing and new wastewater facilities including sewer lines, lift stations, and wastewater treatment facilities, which will replace existing septic systems in the Pueblo and protect water quality.

Pueblo of San Felipe, NM, Wastewater Project—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 for an upgraded wastewater treatment system for the Pueblo of San Felipe to eliminate septic systems and wastewater lagoons in the Pueblo and prevent water quality contamination.

Ranchos de Taos, NM, Wastewater Improvement—I respectfully request \$1,695,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would build new sewer lines in order to remove septic tanks in the area and prevent groundwater contamination.

San Juan County, NM, Wastewater Collection—I respectfully request \$2,200,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would design and construct Flora Vista Wastewater Collection System to connect with Farmington, and eliminate septic systems in growing areas to reduce contamination risk.

Southwest Consortium for Environmental Research and Policy—I respectfully request \$5 million from the EPA's Science and Technology account for New Mexico State University's Southwest Consortium for Environmental Research and Policy to conduct research in coordination with five US and five Mexican institutions of higher education to address environmental problems faced by communities in the border region.

Torrance County Code Enforcement/Environmental Cleanup—I respectfully request \$195,000 from EPA for the cleanup of 5 properties with dilapidated mobile homes that cause are a health, safety, and fire hazard, and clean pits that were used for burning tires.

Torrance County, NM, Water & Sewer Improvements—I respectfully request \$1,050,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project to extend existing water and sewer lines north of I-40 to promote economic development in the area.

Town of Bernalillo Youth Conservation Corps Program—I respectfully request \$60,105 from the Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry account for the running of the Bernalillo Youth Conservation Corps Program to teach marketable vocational and life skills to at-risk youth through the process of restoring historic adobe properties in the community.

Tribal Stewardship Program—I respectfully request \$500,000 from the Forest Service Forest Health Management Account for the Mescalero Apache Tribe's Tribal Stewardship Program for Fire Protection and Forest Management. The tribe entered into a stewardship contract with the US Forest Service under the Tribal Forest Protection Act to reduce hazardous fuels and restore public lands adjacent to the Mescalero Tribal Lands. Funds would be used to continue to facilitate the stewardship program.

Tribal Youth Environmental Summer Camp—I respectfully request \$114,282 from the BIA ED account for the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos' Tribal Youth Environmental Summer Camp. This summer camp will serve the students from the Santa Fe Indian School, giving them hands-on training in water quality, air quality, soils/sustainable agriculture, ecology, forest restoration, and benthic macro-invertebrate surveys.

Town of Estancia, NM, Water Infrastructure—I respectfully request \$275,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would include new water supply lines, metering, one water storage tank, and new and upgraded fire hydrants.

Town of Estancia, NM, Wastewater Improvements—I respectfully request \$500,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would install new collection lines and pump stations and remove septic tanks, along with grey water reuse capability.

Town of Hurley, NM, Water System—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would acquire water rights, construct new water wells, install transmission, storage, and pumps to replace current arrangement of acquiring water from local mining company.

Village of Capitan, NM, Water Line Replacement—I respectfully request \$100,650 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would replace lead jointed old water lines for main subdivision to protect drinking water quality in the area.

Village of Chama, NM, Wastewater Treatment Plant—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would construct a new wastewater treatment plant to comply with EPA administrative orders.

Village of Cimarron, NM, Drinking Water Infrastructure—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for projects that would repair 1948 dam used to create the Cimarroncito Reservoir which supplies the Village with potable water; replace 1.3 miles of deteriorating transmission line leaking significant amounts of potable water; and restore the Village filter plant up to State code standards and reduce water loss and automated instead of manual operation.

Village of Cimarron, NM, Wastewater Treatment Facility and Wastewater/Water Line Replacement—I respectfully request \$2,000,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for projects that would rehabilitate failing lagoons with treatment capability to reuse grey water and conduct phase 1 of replacing water lines and wastewater lines that are leaking, breaking, and blocking

Village of Los Lunas, NM, Water Supply Infrastructure—I respectfully request \$1,433,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would consist of an eastside water loop to provide enhanced fire flow protection and redundant service to east side of Village.

Vallecitos High Country Phase II—I respectfully request \$1,650,000 from the Bureau of Land Management Land Acquisition account for acquisition by the Trust for Public Land of 3,100 acres in Rio Arriba County. The land is visible from the Continental Divide Trail and houses much of an important cold-water fishery.

Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico—I respectfully request \$4,000,000 to the Forest Service for the Valles Caldera National Preserve. The Valles Caldera National Preserve was authorized in the Valles Caldera Preservation Act (P.L. 106-248). The Valles Caldera has become an extremely popular public resource, and the Trust will be unable to maintain even a minimum level of public service and resource maintenance under the proposed request. Funds would be used, in part, to initiate the public access and use management planning process, which includes: recreation on the Preserve, transportation, and facilities planning to support public access and use.

Village of Tijeras, NM, Community Water System—I respectfully request \$1,375,000 in EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for a project that would create a community water system where today there are only septic tanks and shallow wells and associated public health risks.

Ojo Caliente Well Water Rehabilitation—I respectfully request \$200,000 from the BLM's Management of Lands and Resources account for the Ojo Caliente Cattlemen Association to do improvements on 35+ year old infrastructure to reduce sediment and erosion of the Ojo Caliente Watershed by providing cattle and alternate water source.

Zuni Mountain Trail system Improvements—I respectfully request \$235,000 from the Forest Service Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness account for Cibola County to fund the construction of a trail and supporting infrastructure improvements in the Mount Taylor ranger District of the Cibola National Forest.

Report Language—Navajo Nation Uranium Cleanup: I respectfully request report language related to the cleanup of uranium contamination at Navajo Nation. The EPA has led the development and implementation of the first coordinated plan to address the uranium legacy at Navajo Nation, to address contamination from more than 500 abandoned uranium mines. According to EPA and federal health agencies, chronic exposure to these threats poses a risk of lung cancer, bone cancer and impaired kidney function.

Requested Report Language:

“The Committee is concerned about the ongoing uranium legacy cleanup efforts being carried out by the Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Department of Energy. The committee commends these agencies for their coordinated efforts to form a five year plan to address the environmental and health impacts of uranium contamination. The committee expects the Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Indian Health Service to complete their planned efforts according to the five year plan as outlined below.

EPA

Structures

2009 – Complete Screening and assessment of 100 more possibly contaminated structures.

2012 – Complete assessment and remediation of all contaminated structures (approximately 500.)

EPA

Abandoned Mines

2009 – Complete 160 on-site mine screenings, complete 7 detailed assessments.

2010-2012 – Completion of the remaining mine screenings, and assessment of the highest priority mines.

EPA/IHS

Water

2012 – Completion of initial outreach efforts to residences in areas at risk of water contamination. Such efforts should be continued as populations change.

2012 – Complete all alternative water supply sources.

EPA/NRC

NE Church Rock Mine

2009 – Release final cleanup plan

2010 – Require removal action on the NE Church Rock Mine site.

2011 – Complete soil cleanup at NE Church Rock Mine site.

DOE (coordinating with other agencies)

Tuba City Dump

2009 – Complete remedial investigation.

2010 – Select a final remedy and closure plan and begin site closure. Continue and report to Congress on quarterly groundwater monitoring.

2012 – Complete closure. Continue and report to Congress on quarterly groundwater monitoring.

DOE/EPA/BIA

Tuba City Highway 160 Site

2009 – Coordinate with agencies of authority to determine plan for characterization and cleanup of site.

2012 – Complete cleanup of site.

DOE (coordinating with other agencies)

Abandoned Uranium Mill Sites

2009-2012 – Continue groundwater treatment activities and long-term surveillance. Report long-range plans for continued maintenance and surveillance to Congress.

IHS

Health Study

2009 – Begin cancer and other health condition prevalence for populations near AUM/mill sites

2010-2012 – Diagnose and treat known health conditions in eligible individuals, and coordinate with University of New Mexico on the Navajo Uranium Assessment and Kidney Health Project.

“The committee further remains concerned about the health and environmental impacts of past uranium mining practices on non-tribal lands. The committee directs the Environmental Protection Agency, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to coordinate with the Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and state governments to formulate a similar five year plan with annual benchmarks for cleanup of uranium mine, mill, and contamination sites throughout New Mexico and other states with uranium contamination. The committee further directs the respective agencies to report on their coordination efforts and their progress towards completion of the five year plan to Congress annually.”

Certification: I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

I am grateful for the consideration the Committee and Subcommittee are giving to my requests. While I recognize you are operating under very tight constraints, I hope you will consider the needs of these national programs in the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Fiscal Year 2010 Interior Appropriations Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Udall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Udall" clearly distinguishable.

Tom Udall

Member of Congress